Government of India is being set up. This Committee would be making recommendations suggesting suitable solutions to the ethno-political and development problems of Bodos and other Plains Tribals in Assam within the framework of the Constitution of India and will work out the details of an administrative, political and legal arrangement for devolution of powers acceptable to all sections of people living in the State. The Committee is to submit its report in the next round of talks scheduled to be held on 2-7-1990.

Advisory Committees of Radio Stations/Doordarshan Kendras

86. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Radio Stations/Doordarshan Kendras which are having Advisory Committees and the number of those which are without such Committees; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to appoint these Committees to all the Stations; and what are the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines, All India Radio stations which originate programmes for at least 5-1/2 hours per day and Doordarshan Kendras having full-fledged production facilities are eligible to have Programme Advisory Committees. According to this, 72 All India Radio stations and 14 Doordarshan Kendras are eligible to have Programme Advisory Committees. The Programme Advisory Committees at these stations/kendras are being constituted/reconstituted.

Permission to Postal Department to take Loans from Postal Life Insurance Fund

87. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to permit the Postal Department to take loans from the Postal Life Insurance Fund for commercial activities like construction of buildings to boost the department revenue; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A proposal has been taken up for examination to allow the Department of Posts to obtain loans from the Postal Life Insurance Fund for financing building projects of a commercial nature which would enable the Department to earn additional revenue. The proposal is in its initial stage of examination.

Setting up of a Major Telecommunication Training Institute near Madras

88. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to set up a major telecommunication training institute in Maraimalai Nagar near Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Regional Telecom Training Centre, Madras, functioning at present in a rented building is proposed to be shifted to Maraimalai Nagar near Madras.